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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

Follow-up to the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (agenda item 11)

1. The Permanent Forum regrets that the General Assembly did not establish a new category of participation for indigenous peoples. Nevertheless, the Permanent Forum acknowledges the progress made in the implementation of the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and recognizes the need to further advance the priorities clearly set out by indigenous peoples in the Alta outcome document.

2. The Permanent Forum acknowledges the ongoing consultation process to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples at the United Nations under the leadership of the President of the General Assembly and takes note of Assembly resolution 71/321, which lays out a process for continuing the consideration of the participation of indigenous peoples at the United Nations.

3. The Permanent Forum welcomes the process of the President of the General Assembly of organizing and presiding over informal interactive hearings during the seventy-second, seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions of the Assembly, on the margins of the sessions of the Permanent Forum, to enhance the participation of representatives and institutions of indigenous peoples in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/321.

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4. The Permanent Forum urges the Secretary-General to convene, in consultation with the Permanent Forum and before its eighteenth session, regional consultations in each of the seven indigenous regions to discuss the modalities for the participation of indigenous people at the United Nations, including how the participation of indigenous representatives can be enhanced. The Permanent Forum urges Member States to support the organization of these regional consultations.

5. The Permanent Forum, recognizing that indigenous peoples can contribute greatly a range of issues on the international agenda, encourages the President of the General Assembly to consider inviting representatives of indigenous peoples to other hearings and events.

6. The Permanent Forum appreciates the efforts made by El Salvador, Guatemala and Paraguay to develop national action plans in consultation with indigenous peoples and encourages them to share best practices. It further encourages Member States to continue to effectively engage with indigenous peoples at the national, local and community levels to develop and implement national action plans, strategies or other measures to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

7. The Permanent Forum welcomes work done by the United Nations system to implement the United Nations system-wide action plan on the rights of indigenous peoples and encourages United Nations country teams to take the lead in facilitating dialogue between Member States and indigenous peoples towards the development of national action plans and other measures and to report to the Permanent Forum at its eighteenth session on progress made.